

OCTOBER 2002

HUDSON RIVER NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT



PUBLIC AVAILABILITY SESSIONS ON NRDA PLAN

The Hudson River Natural Resource Trustees are conducting a natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) of resources in the Hudson River ecosystem that have been injured by exposure to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Trustee agencies include the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Department of the Interior. NRDA is different from EPA Superfund cleanup. EPA focuses on cleaning up or containing the PCBs to reduce present and future risks to human health and the environment. In a NRDA, Trustees assess the past, current and future PCB injuries to the resources and identify and plan restoration actions to address these injuries.

The Trustees have recently released the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Plan, providing information on the planned, current, or completed Trustee-sponsored studies of natural resources exposed to PCBs. We are very interested in your comments on this plan, and have arranged for several ways for you to review the plan and provide comments before the comment period ends on **November 1, 2002**.

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY SESSIONS

Please join the trustees at one of the following sessions to discuss the NRDA Plan —

October 15, 2002

From 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm
NYSDEC Central Office
625 Broadway, Room 129
Albany, NY 12233

October 17, 2002

From 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm
Common Council Chambers, 3rd floor
Municipal Building
62 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

October 18, 2002

From 2 to 5 pm
North Mezzanine
One Centre Street
New York City 10007

October 23, 2002

From 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm
Washington County Office Building
Upper Broadway
Ft. Edward, NY 12828

HOW YOU CAN REVIEW THE PLAN AND PROVIDE COMMENTS?

>> **Four public availability sessions** are planned to give you the opportunity to talk with representatives from the Trustee agencies and to provide written comments. The dates, times, and locations are provided in the box above. Staff from each agency will be available to answer questions and to discuss concerns with individuals or small groups.

>> **View the plan on the INTERNET** at one of the following locations and provide written comments to one of the agency contacts listed below.

www.darp.noaa.gov/neregion/hudsonr.htm

www.dec.state.ny.us/website/hudson/index.html

<http://contaminants.fws.gov/restorationplans/HudsonRiver.cfm>

>> **Request a copy of the plan and provide written comment** to one of the agency representatives listed below.

>> **View the plan at one of the repositories listed** on the back page and provide written comments to one of the agency representatives listed in it.

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INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

Washington County Clerk's Office
Washington County Office Building
Upper Broadway
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Crandall Library
City Park
Glens Falls, NY 12801

Saratoga Springs Public Library
49 Henry Street
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Saratoga County EMC
50 West High Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Troy Public Library
100 Second Street
Troy, NY 12180

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
R.G. Folsom Library
Troy, NY 12180-3590

New York State Library
CEC Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12230

New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation
Division of Fish, Wildlife and
Marine Resources
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233

Albany Public Library
161 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210

SUNY/Albany
1400 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12222
(Government Documents Section)

Bethlehem Public Library
451 Delaware Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054

Catskill Public Library
1 Franklin Street
Catskill, NY 12414

Athens Public Library
80 Second Avenue
Athens, NY 12015

Sojourner Truth Library
SUNY/ New Paltz
Government Documents Section
New Paltz, NY 12561

Cornell Cooperative Extension
New York Sea Grant Institute
74 John Street
Kingston, NY 12401

Marist College
290 North Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Adriance Memorial Library
93 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Croton Public Library
171 Cleveland Avenue
Croton, NY 10520

White Plains Public Library
100 Martine Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601

The New School Library
65 5th Avenue, Lower Level
New York, New York 10003

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